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ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know who the Curator is?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " I do not know."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Is it not a fact that a Muslim gentleman by name Muhammad Fazlullah Sahib, M.A., L.T., is the Curator? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " I take the information from the hon. Member."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Is it not a fact that he is highly qualified in Sanskrit? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " I do not know, Sir."

K. UPPI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Will it be possible to have it printed and circulated one of these days the Council is sitting so that we may put supplementary questions on it? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " A copy of the answer is with the Council Secretariat and it might be circulated by them as usual."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" If hon. Members want it to be printed and it might be arranged."

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" The answer to this question is also sufficiently long. If you want, I will read it."

Functions of the Publicity department.

* 123 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Information be pleased to state—

(*a*) the functions of the Publicity department ;

(*b*) the publications issued by the department;

(*c*) whether all Press Notes and communiqués of Government are issued by this department ;

(*d*) the staff employed and proposed to be employed at Madras and in the mufassal ;

(*e*) the nature of work entrusted to officers of the Publicity department in the mufassal ;

(*f*) whether the mufassal staff will work under the control and supervision of Collectors ;

(*g*) whether *Madras Information* is issued only in English or in regional languages as well ;

(*h*) whether it is proposed to issue a Hindi edition of *Madras Information* and if so, of what region is Hindi the spoken or written language ;

(*i*) the expenditure incurred on the publication of *Madras Information* and the number of copies printed (languagewar); and

(*j*) where English and language editions including Hindi edition are published?

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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) The functions of the Publicity department have already been explained on the floor of this House on 10th February 1947 by the Hon. the Minister for Public Information in answer to question No. 40 of Mr. K. O. Anthoni, M.L.C.

" (*b*) The main publication of this department is the fortnightly magazine *Madras Information* and its counterparts in the regional languages, and Hindustani. In addition, pamphlets on subjects of topical interest like Prohibition, Anti-curruption Measures, Food Administration in the Province, Livestock Improvement, Settlement of Labour Disputes, Rationing, Textile Policy, and Irrigation Schemes have been issued in English as well as the regional languages. Pamphlets on recipes relating to unfamiliar foodgrains like wheat, maize and barley also have been issued. A pamphlet on the zamindari system is being published with a view to give the public a background of the system and the Government's proposals to deal with it.

" (*c*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*d*) Information regarding the staff employed at Madras has been furnished to the House in answer to question No. 40 of Mr. K. O. Anthoni, M.L.C., on 10th February 1947. For the field publicity organization in the districts the following staff has been sanctioned :—

Two Deputy Publicity Officers at Trichinopoly and Bezwada to be in charge of the Tamil districts and Telugu districts respectively.

Two Divisional Publicity Officers for Malabar and South Kanara to be in charge of the two districts respectively.

One Sub-Deputy Publicity Officer at Guntakal to be in charge of the Ceded districts.

Twenty-four District Publicity Assistants at the rate of one per district except Madras.

Five translators at the rate of one per Deputy, Divisional, and Sub-Deputy Publicity Officer.

Two accountants at the rate of one for each Deputy Publicity Officer.

Five lower division clerks at the rate of one per Deputy, Divisional and Sub-Deputy Publicity Officer.

Seven typists at the rate of two for each Deputy Publicity Officer, and one for each Divisional and Sub-Deputy Publicity Officer.

Twenty-nine peons at the rate of one for each Publicity Officer and Publicity Assistant.

" (*e*) The District Publicity staff proposed for appointment is mainly concerned with the collecting of facts regarding anti-Government propaganda that is being carried on by interested

parties in the districts and to take steps to counteract such propaganda, produce literature and propaganda material for the purpose and see to their distribution. They will also be responsible for publicity of the Government's nation building and developmental activities.

" (f) The Field Publicity staff will work as officers of the Information and Publicity department and in close co-operation and consultation with the Collectors concerned.

" (g) *Madras Information* is issued in English as well as the regional languages.

" (h) A Hindustani edition is also issued. The Hindustani edition has two parts, one in Devanagiri script and the other in Urdu. The Hindi portion is intended mostly to educate the public in Northern India regarding the work of the Madras Ministry and the cultural heritage of the south.

" (i) The estimated cost of all editions is about Rs. 1·1 lakh per annum. The number of copies printed languagewar is as follows :—

English	2,750
Telugu	1,000
Tamil	1,500
Malayalam	500
Kanarese	500
Hindi	1,000

" (j) English, Telugu and Tamil editions are printed and published by the Government Press. The Malayalam edition is printed at Jaya Kerala Press, Madras, Kanerese edition at Srivatsava Press, Madras, and the Hindustani edition at the Dakshina Bharata Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Sir, the answers may be printed, and we may be given an opportunity to put supplementary questions on some other day."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I suggest, Sir, that copies of answers to these questions may kindly be supplied to us, and that we be given permission to put supplementary questions arising out of the answers to these two questions on some other day when the Council meets? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" All right."

Rules for the movement of controlled articles.

* 124 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Motor Transport and Food be pleased to state—

(a) whether for granting permits for the movement within and outside the province of essential or controlled articles such as groundnut-oil, potatoes, jaggery, onions, etc., the Government have prescribed rules and if so, what they are ;